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REMARKS OF MR. PEARSON

MR. DREW PEARSON WAS SEEN ON THE TV SCREEN AS
HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY MARK EVANS AND MARTIN WELDON.

EVANS: "Drew, I've had the feeling things have been entirely too quiet as far as you are concerned for too long with the Kennedy administration, and now it seems as though you've unleashed some pretty powerful guns. I know Martin is ready to fire one at you, so go right ahead."

PEARSON: "Things are pepping up."

WELDON: "Well, I thought, Drew...[discussion of Senator Byrd and Dupont-General Motors stock disposal]

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EVANS: "Drew, on that same subject--or on another subject, I should say, you have taken some pretty hefty swings at a very important Kennedy appointee, probably as important a job as there is in the land, the head of the CIA, Mr. McCone. It looks as though he may pass in spite of it."

PEARSON: "Oh, he's going to pass, he's going to be nominated--he's going to be confirmed; I knew that at the start. But just the same I think it's very important when any man is up for a very important office that the public has a chance to look at him. I think it's the obligation of the press to report the facts on him, and of the Senators to examine them further. Well, the Senate did yesterday--the Senate Armed Services Committee did scrutinize him rather carefully, not as carefully as perhaps they should, but some members, mainly Mrs. Smith of Maine, Senator Case of South Dakota, are asking a lot of questions which I think are very healthy."